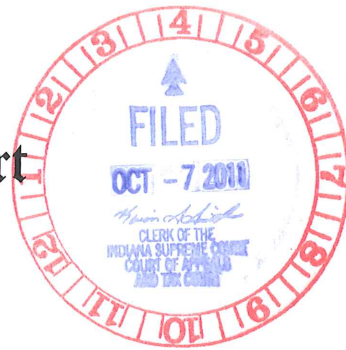


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF)
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THE APPOINTMENT OF)
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STEPHEN E. PLATT)
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AS SENIOR JUDGE)
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IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT)
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Cause No. *71500-1110-MS-602*

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The Chief Judge of the St. Joseph Superior Court, the Honorable Michael P. Scopelitis, on behalf of the eight judges of the St. Joseph Superior Court, has requested the appointment of Senior Judge Stephen E. Platt for service in 2011, pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-1

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that Judge Scopelitis has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources. Senior Judge Platt has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge Stephen E. Platt is appointed to serve in the St. Joseph Superior Court at the discretion of the Judges of the court. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2011**. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2011 calendar year.

It shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge of the court to ensure that the court complies with the Orders setting senior judge service day limits. Pursuant to Admin. R. 5(B)(4) a senior judge shall have the same jurisdiction as the presiding judge of the court where

the senior judge is appointed, but only during the days that the senior judge is serving in such court. Additionally, Admin. R. 5(B)(4) provides that a senior judge who has been appointed to serve in a court shall have the same jurisdiction as the regular judge of the court where he is serving to officiate at marriages at any time during the appointment. A senior judge may retain jurisdiction in an individual case beyond the day of service if the order of the presiding judge of the court in which the case is pending so orders.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable Michael Scopelitis, St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. Roland W. Chamblee, Jr., St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, #140, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. David C. Chapleau, St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. J. Jerome Frese, St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. Michael G. Gotsch, St. Joseph Circuit Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier, St. Joseph Superior Court, 219 Lincolnway West, Mishawaka, IN 46544; the Hon. John M. Marnocha, St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. Jane Woodward Miller, St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. Peter J. Nemeth, St. Joseph Probate Court, 1000 South Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601-3426; the Hon. Margot Fisher Reagan, St. Joseph Superior Court, 101 South Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601-1807; the Hon. Stephen E. Platt; to the clerk of the Clerk of the St. Joseph Circuit and Superior Courts; the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order to the Court's website.

The clerk of the St. Joseph Circuit and Superior Courts is directed: 1) to distribute a copy of this order to the presiding judge of the court, 2) to enter this Order in the Record of Judgments and Orders of the court, and 3) to post this Order for public inspection.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this 7th day of October, 2011.


Randall T. Shepard ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
Chief Justice of Indiana